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December 30, 2002

## **EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM**

MEMO NO. 02-07

TO: All Department Heads

SUBJECT: Vacant Positions

Projected deficiencies in our financial resources throughout FB 2003-05 will require us to control further expenditures. As such, we are freezing funding for all vacant positions except for the exceptions listed below.

## **Policy Summary:**

Effective as of today, December 30, 2002, all vacant positions shall be frozen until further notice, except for the following which may be filled as needed:

- Authorized positions in the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
- Positions providing instruction in the Department of Education (DOE) and Hawaii State Public Library System positions.
- Positions established and filled pursuant to Section 76-16(b)(5), (7), (9), and (16), HRS.
- Positions directly related to Correctional Facilities operations.
- Positions in Child Protective Services.
- Positions for Hawaii State Hospital operations.
- Department of Health and DOE positions mandated by the *Felix* Consent Decree.
- Positions where an incumbent is on leave but has return rights.

## Applicability:

Provisions of this memo suspend and replace applicable Manpower Control provisions in 5b of Attachment A, Executive Memo No. 02-02, dated June 25, 2002 (Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Execution Policies and Instructions). Other policies and procedures in Attachment A shall continue to remain in effect.

## Policy and Guidelines:

- 1. There shall be no establishment and/or filling of any current or future position vacancies. This applies to:
  - a. All permanent and temporary vacant positions regardless of means of financing or authorization, including exempt positions and CIP-funded positions.
  - b. All positions created by general law, which are not reflected in Act 259/01, as amended by Act 3, 3rd SpSLH 2001, and Act 177/02.
  - c. Extensions of all exempt positions and all exempt appointments pursuant to Section 76-16(b)(2), (12), (15), HRS, beyond their "Not to Exceed" (NTE) date.
- 2. Individual and *blanket* approvals granted prior to the date of this memo (other than positions exempted in the **policy summary** above), are rescinded in those cases where **no firm offer and acceptance of employment** has been made as of the date of this memorandum, December 30, 2002.
- 3. All other vacancies not exempted elsewhere by this memo may be filled only with my approval through the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your compliance with these provisions is appreciated.

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